

Mr. Dominic Manzoli North Beverly Environmental Action Committee 775A Cabot Street Beverly, MA 01915

Dear Mr. Manzoli:

Thank you for your letter of March 26, 1999, regarding the Wenham Lake Reservoir and your concerns with the Beverly Airport Industrial Connector Road. I appreciate the commitment that you and your organization have put into protecting Massachusetts' wetlands and other aquatic resources.

My staff have coordinated with EPA's Region I office regarding your concerns, particularly with respect to wetlands impacts associated with this project. Based on our discussions with your organization, it is our understanding that the proposed road project was granted Clean Water Act Section 404 authorization under the Massachusetts programmatic general permit, which applies to projects with minor impacts. I recognize, however, that your organization continues to have concerns with potential adverse impacts to the Wenham Lake Reservoir from activities associated with the road. Accordingly, I have forwarded a copy of your letter, including the photographs and maps, to EPA's Region I office, and have asked them to review the information and take any appropriate action.

Thank you again for you letter. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact Matt Schweisberg of EPA's Region I office, at (617) 918-1628.

Sincerely,

J. Charles Fox Assistant Administrator for Water